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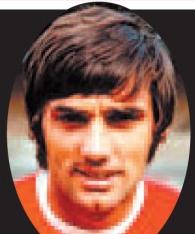
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BUSH-TUCKERED: Ant, left, and Dec say they are often sozzled

EXCLUSIVE
■ by PETER DYKE

I'M A CELEBRITY presenters Ant and Dec are often jungle-juiced up when they present the top reality TV show.

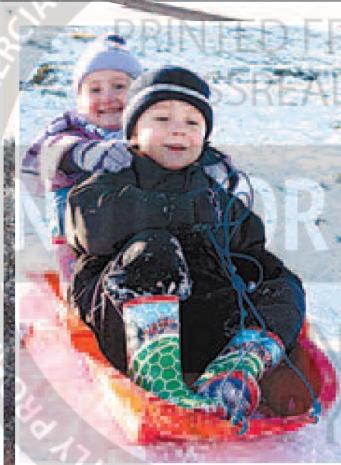
The Geordie duo have confessed the time difference in Australia has thrown them and after a night on the booze they are sometimes still the worse for wear when they appear live.

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ANT 'N' WRECK

Jungle pair are tipsy live on telly



CHAOS: Crashes near Tavistock, right, and Ivybridge, below, in Devon. Top, kids in Brecon Beacons, Wales.



■ RESCUERS were last night trying to reach more than 1,000 people stranded in 500 vehicles trapped by snow.

Police said about 150 – including three coach-loads of children – had been rescued from the A30 on Bod-

■ by LAURA NEIL

min Moor, Cornwall, blocked by five inches of snow.

■ Sgt Alan Mobbs said the operation would continue through the night as the temperature plunged to -2C. He pledged: "We will check

every vehicle. Nobody will be abandoned overnight."

Police also reported a series of crashes on treacherous roads in Wales and south-west England. Many schools were closed and power lines brought down. Forecast: ice threat.



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Drivers stuck in icy hell

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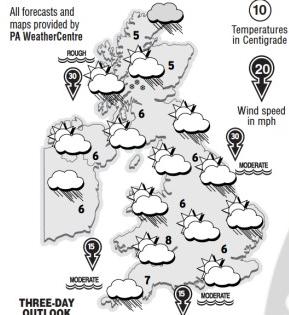
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TODAY: Most of England and Wales will be dry and sunny. Eastern Scotland will be cloudy with showers. Northern Ireland and western Scotland will be brighter with blustery showers.

OUTLOOK: Chilly over the weekend with showers for coastal regions and rain in the North East. Becoming colder on Monday with showers turning wintry from the north.



MELTDOWN

MPS' fury as computer faults hit the needy

■ by MACER HALL, Political Editor

A MELTDOWN in the Whitehall computer system was blamed last night for leaving thousands of jobseekers helpless.

More than a million calls to a benefits helpline for the jobless went unanswered because of a faulty computer phone system.

Angry unions claimed civil service job cuts were hitting needy claimants, but Downing Street blamed "teething troubles" for the nightmare that hit one in three callers to the Jobcentre Plus automated phoneline.

But MPs were furious about yet more errors with computers installed by US technology giant Electronic Data Systems (EDS). Chaos

The Texas-based firm has also been at the centre of computer chaos at the Inland Revenue and the Child Support Agency.

Tory Shadow Work And Pensions Minister Tim Boswell attacked the "chaos and confusion".

He said: "It's no good replacing the old system with a new computerised system that isn't working properly."

"Ministers have a duty to maintain a high level of service that ensures people receive the benefits they are entitled to."

Liberal Democrat work and pensions spokesman



WARNING: David Laws



REFORM: Gordon Brown

David Laws said: "These new figures show there is yet another welfare reform disaster emerging in Labour's third term."

Earlier this week EDS paid the Inland Revenue £71 million following a row over computer faults with

the tax credit system. And Mark Serwotka, general secretary of the Public and Commercial Services Union, said: "We think this is an inevitable consequence of Gordon Brown's efficiency drive."

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PM faces fags fight

■ ANGRY Labour MPs are plotting to force Tony Blair to introduce a total ban on smoking in public places.

Many backbenchers are furious the Government allowed the habit to continue in pubs that don't serve food and in private clubs.

■ Now they're planning a massive rebellion when the smoking proposals come before the Commons.

Nearly 60 MPs have signed a Commons motion calling for a total ban.

■ One Labour insider said last night: "There is still time to win the argument."

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One ticket matched all 7 balls for the £30,000 jackpot

SATURDAY LOTTO

NOVEMBER 19

BONUS BALL

4 9 10 19 24 37 28

One ticket won the £4.5m jackpot

EXTRA: 10, 23, 33, 41, 45, 47 TBall: 1, 3, 6, 18, 29 (Tb 9)

No Extra winners of £3.2m jackpot. No T-Ball winner.

WEDNESDAY LOTTO

NOVEMBER 23

BONUS BALL

14 33 36 39 42 46 13

No winner of estimated £2.7million Lotto jackpot.

Extra 3, 6, 11, 34, 45, 48 TBall: 1, 7, 13, 22, 26 (Tb 8)

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FRIDAY, NOV 25

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Fan dies in knife attack

A BRITISH football fan has died after being knifed in Amsterdam.

A friend he was with was injured in the attack.

It's believed the men were in Holland to see Middlesbrough play AZ Alkmaar in the Uefa cup.

Police are still hunting the killer.

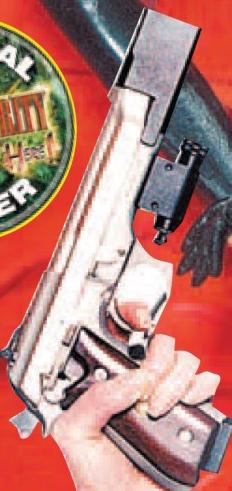
The dead fan has not been named.

Boro fanzine editor Rob Nichols said: "Like all Boro fans I'm in shock."

THE NAME'S BLONDE ... Sexy Kim turns spy for this sizzling photoshoot before wriggling into that amazing skin-tight rubber outfit

Pictures: IDOLS

TV bosses order jungle lads to grab Kim and...



GIVE HER A HUG!

IT'S no wonder that the lusty lads in the I'm A Celebrity jungle have been barely able to keep their hands off Aussie babe Kimberley Davies.

And now they won't have to. Show bosses have ordered them to get their mitts on the jungle lasses – every night.

Producers of the hit ITV1 show introduced a rule that the stars have to hug each other before bed and say: "I

■ by MARIANNA PARTASIDES

love you very much." So sex-starved Sid Owen, 33, now has the perfect excuse to cop a feel of sizzling Kim.

Newcomer Bobby Ball, 61, announced the rule when he became jungle leader for the day. He said: "It means we can get through each day by loving one another."

One show insider said: "This should please the lads –

especially Sid who has got the hots for Kimberley." Poor Sid would be even more turned on if he could see our sensational shots of the blonde former Neighbours star.

Kim, 32, looks every bit the jungle cat-woman in her skin-tight rubber outfit, as well as turning spy-girl in a black coat and suspenders. Beats that boring bush jacket any day, eh Sid?

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**Ant and Dec confess:
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MINE'S A DOUBLE ACT: Ant and Dec looking slightly squiffy on show



EXCLUSIVE

■ from PETER DYKE in Australia

beers." Ant added: "You never get used to going to bed at seven o'clock. So you say, 'Let's just have a night on the town.'"

"And the next day you're like, 'Ah, I really wish I hadn't done that now.'"

Meanwhile, single Dec – who flirted with former Neighbours star Kimberley Davies, 32, during her Bushucker Trial – reckons his pal's engagement to make-up artist Lisa Armstrong, 29, means horny female fans no longer offer them threeomes.

He said: "It just doesn't happen any more. We used to get it a little when we were doing our music but Ant got engaged and went and spoiled it."

Speaking to FHM magazine, Ant replied: "Sorry about that mate!"

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Jungle grapevine

SHAREE burst into tears after her 'Rocky Horror' trial and didn't get back to the camp for two hours. She faced snakes, spiders, rats and crocs before breaking down.



eviction is tomorrow night.

JIMMY once bought a Jimmy Osmond mask on eBay. He said: "It's weird having to buy your own stuff back."

THE stars have been making daft comments. Sid has been begging for the X Factor results. Jilly wants a loo brush.

SEXY Jenny has two pairs of Bridget Jones-style big knickers so she doesn't get ants in her pants.

SHEREE later said she didn't want to become this year's Natalie Appleton. She said: "If you can't do a trial then the viewers will pick on you again and again."

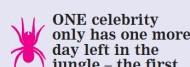
GAL pals Carol and Jilly sneaked off for a bitch about David. Jilly said: "He is not pulling



CROC HELL: Sheree weeps

his weight. Let's make him do the dishes."

ONE celebrity only has one more day left in the jungle – the first



spider icon

**DAILY
STAR****We're the official paper for****SNAKE-OMETER**

1) SHEREE MURPHY
She conquered her fears in the latest Bushtucker Trial – even if it did take her hours to recover.

2) SID OWEN
He is desperate to find love, but he won't score in the jungle with this lot.

3) CAROL THATCHER
She admitted she cheered when Del Boy, David, Jason got knighted. Lovely bubbly!

4) JENNY FROST
The boys have been ordered to cuddle up to her at night, and none of them are complaining.

5) ANTONY COSTA
He is feeling weak after hurting himself falling on some trees. But he can't be a wimp if he wants to branch out as a solo star.

6) JIMMY OSMOND
Had to rip out the voicebox of his beloved Yummy bear. Could end up in jail this weekend because of that cuddly toy.

7) JILLY GOOLDEN
She's desperate for a razor blade and has an annoying voice. Her success in the Bushtucker Trial is almost forgotten.

8) DAVID DICKINSON
Chips is starting to look cool, and his fake tan. He won't last in there unless he calms down.
TAN FACTOR: 5, Scarlet Red.

9) TOMMY CANNON
Not as annoying as his sidekick but still struggling to fit in and has made a few enemies.

10) KIMBERLEY DAVIES
Has looked about knitting, and it will be no great loss if she walks.

11) BOBBY BALL
Upset the camp by telling them jungle secrets. They don't trust him and he could be told to Rock Off soon.

12) ELAINE LORDAN
GONE
Scott Dawson



WHAT A LAUGH: The group just can't stop giggling

Pictures: ITV/REX FEATURES



MONKEY BUSINESS: David does an animal impersonation as Jenny gets into dancing mode



HORNY: Sid gets ready to charge the celebs

Crazy gang lose the plot

by PAUL MALLEY

THE jungle stars appear to have lost the plot, judging by these latest madcap antics. Jenny Frost, 27, and the gang raised eyebrows with some wild and wacky manoeuvres – the pop babe looking like she was holding her own disco.

Others including Tommy Cannon, 67, David Dickinson, 64, Jimmy Osmond, 42, and Sid Owen, 33, appeared to have turned themselves into wild animals.

But despite Sheree Murphy, 30, looking on in disbelief, the stars' odd behaviour doesn't mean they've gone completely ga-ga . . . yet.

The celebs, including wine expert Jilly Goolden, 49, were actually taking part in a version of guessing game charades.

Dominik Diamond:
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THINKER: Jilly Goolden

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Football world mourns as the BEST IN PEACE



DEVASTATED: Calum, centre, with Best's dad Dickie, front, and agent Phil Hughes, right

MILLIONS of fans across the world were mourning football genius George Best last night.

■ by GARY NICKS and IAIN BURCHELL

The sporting legend lost his fight for life after spending his final hours listening to family and friends reliving their golden times together.

Today, players and fans at every Premiership and Football League match will stand for a minute's silence in tribute to Bestie, 59.

The star hailed by many as the greatest player of all time will be buried next Friday in his native Belfast in the family plot beside his mother Ann.

Shrine

Fans had begun gathering outside London's private Cromwell Hospital from dawn, creating a shrine of flowers and football shirts.

Best's fighting spirit had seen him battle on through the night, but his frail body finally succumbed to multiple organ failure at 12.55pm.

Minutes later, his devastated son Calum emerged with the rest of the family to announce his dad had died.

Calum, who had stayed up all night with Best's 87-year-old dad Dickie and the star's brother and sisters, fought back tears as he said: "Not only have I lost my dad but we've all lost a wonderful man."

Calum, 24, was visibly touched as a

stranger handed him a bunch of roses. He placed them on the fast-growing shrine where last night fans were lighting candles for their idol. More tributes were left at Manchester United's Old Trafford ground.

Best's ex-United team-mate Denis Law, 65, told how the dying Best and family and friends whispered words of comfort to him.

"The whole family were there and have not been to bed since yesterday," he said. "They were up through the night."

Best's sister Barbara, 53, read out a family statement thanking the "thousands and thousands" of people who sent cards and e-mails.

She praised Professor Roger Williams, 74, who carried out a life-saving liver transplant three years ago on Best, a long-term alcoholic.

The star's agent and long-time friend Phil Hughes, 45, broke down in tears as he said: "He has gone somewhere now where no one can hurt him any more. He is safe now."

Moments after news of Best's death flashed around the world, tributes began pouring in.

England captain David Beckham, 30, said: "As a Manchester United fan I always saw George Best as a football legend."

"I was a proud moment for me

when I wore the same No 7 shirt as him. He is one of the greatest players to have ever graced the game."

Best's second wife, Alex, 33, said she would always miss the man she called the love of her life.

Alex - who had not visited Best on his death bed because she felt it would upset his family following their bitter divorce - said: "George was a unique and talented person who made a lot of people very happy. I will always miss him."

Another ex-team-mate, Sir Bobby Charlton, 68, said: "Anyone that witnessed what George could do on the pitch wished they could do the same."

Memories

"He made an immense contribution to the game, and enriched the lives of everyone that saw him play."

Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson, 63, said: "He has left us with a million memories, all of them good ones."

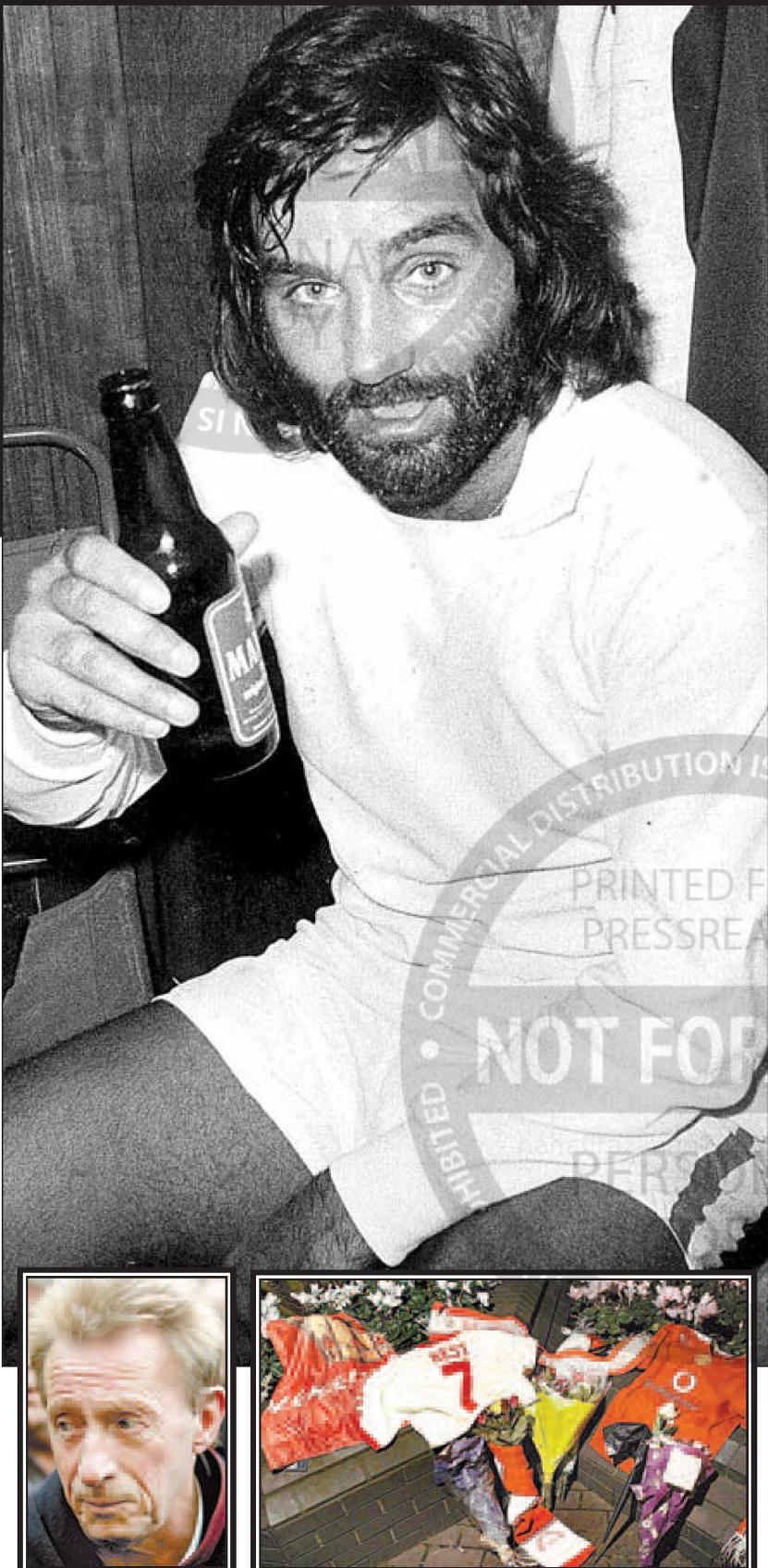
Gordon Taylor, head of the Professional Footballers' Association, called Best a "footballing pop star" during the heady era of the Beatles.

Best was admitted to hospital on October 1 suffering from a flu-like infection.

He deteriorated rapidly when he developed a kidney infection, but he then rallied and was thought to be improving until a week ago when he suffered a severe setback.

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game's greatest genius loses his brave battle for life



GRIEVING: Pal Denis Law yesterday and some of the tributes left outside the hospital

In his own words... making of a legend

GRIEVING fans were yesterday sharing memories of Bestie's brilliance on the pitch – and his partying skills off it.

Favourite tales included how Chelsea Fire Brigade got so used to picking Bestie out of the gutter they gave him a permanent bed at their King's Road station.

Here are quotes from the man himself that sum up why he will never be forgotten...

- "I spent a lot of my money on booze, birds and fast cars – the rest I just squandered."
- "I used to go missing a lot – Miss Canada, Miss United Kingdom, Miss World..."
- "They say I slept with seven Miss Worlds. I didn't – it was only four: I didn't turn up for the other three."
- "In 1969 I gave up women and alcohol. It was the worst 20 minutes of my life."
- "Perhaps he saw something I didn't." On the bellboy who entered his hotel room to see Best in bed



SHRINE: Fans' tributes at Old Trafford

with Miss World, bubbly and thousands in cash, and asked: "George, where did it all go wrong?"

● "I was in for 10 hours and had 40 pints, beating my previous record by 20 minutes." On a transfusion.

● "He cannot kick with his left foot, he cannot head a ball, cannot tackle and he doesn't score many goals. Apart from that he's all right." On David Beckham.

● "Pele called me the greatest footballer in the world. That is the ultimate salute to my life."

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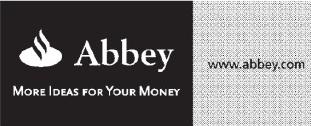
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Little Miss Muffet, sat on a tuffet,
Eating her curds and whey;
Along came a homey,
And pulled out his shooter,
And blew Miss Muffet away.

Kids get 'gangsta' lessons

TEACHERS are swapping traditional British nursery rhymes for US rap to teach children to read and write.

They reckon it makes learning easier for youngsters – despite the fact that many rap lyrics glorify violence and gun crime.

Teachers reckon nursery rhymes such as London Bridge Is Falling Down and Baa Baa Black Sheep mean little to children these days.

Instead, they get a sense of rhythm and rhyme from television, video games and modern music.

So rapping has now been added to the

■ by JAMES WICKHAM

traditional "three Rs" of reading, writing and arithmetic at Hatfield Peverel Infants' School, near Chelmsford, Essex, in a trial project.

The findings will be presented at a worldwide international education conference in Florida next year.

School head Marrie Webster said: "It has been interesting to see how those traditional nursery rhymes, which have been passed down for hundreds of years, seem to have become less common in the last two or three decades."

"Children today are so much quicker at dealing with information in a visual way and we were interested in the role that rhyme and rhythm plays in learning."

Church

Local church groups say they are also learning from rappers.

Sarah Openshaw, of the Youth Alpha Christian Group in Kelvedon, Essex, said it helped them get their message across.

She said: "We belong to a traditional church, so using rap music is not something most people would expect. But it works – and we plan more Christian raps."

Here, the Daily Star's resident rapper Jon "Badass" Lockett offers some nursery rhyme raps.

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Readin', ritin' and rappin'...

Little Jack Horner,
Sat in a corner,
Smoking his pipe of crack,
He stuck in a rock,
And took a deep suck,
And said, "What a good gangsta is I"

.....
Ring a ring o' roses,
The hood is full of hos-es,
I shoot you! I shoot you!
You all fall down.



© DAILY STAR RAPPER JON 'BADASS' LOCKETT

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Star-ring roles

X FACTOR'S Journey South boys are catching up on the best news of the day – in the Daily Star. Hunk Andy Pemberton, 29, left, and his brother Carl, 24, were seen reading their favourite paper on the way to the ITV1 studios for last-minute rehearsals.

The boys are down to the last six on the telly contest and are due to perform live again tonight. They hope they'll soon be in the headlines themselves ... as victors.

I'VE ONLY COME BACK TO HELP SHAYNE WIN IT

X FACTOR CLUSIVE

by MARK JEFFERIES

LOUIS Walsh says he is only coming back to X Factor to help Shayne Ward to victory.

The Irish judge has made a dramatic U-turn and will be back in the studio tonight after quitting the show at the start of the week.

He reckons he has to advise Shayne, 21, to help win him a £1 million recording contract from the show.

But angry Louis, 51, is still furious at the behaviour of fellow judges Simon Cowell and Sharon Osbourne, 53.

And he is likely to give them a piece of his mind tonight.

Louis said: "I've talked with Richard Holloway, the executive producer, loads this week."

"I'm still pretty hurt. I think Simon's treated me incredibly badly."

"But I must go and see Shayne because I can't leave him high and dry."

The row started when Cowell, 46, dubbed Louis "bland and stupid".

The Irish music mogul, who also manages Westlife, felt this was a step too far.

Hurt

Walsh said: "The final straw came when I heard Simon rubbishing my name as a manager: I'm a better manager; I'm a better music person than he ever will be."

"I've had 27 number ones so I must be doing something right. I truly promise this isn't a scam. I wish it was because then I wouldn't have been so hurt this week."

"The water thing was bad enough but I was genuinely hurt on Monday."

Despite complaining, Louis then started another potential row with Cowell.

He told GMTV: "I'm in the music business and Sharon is sort of the most powerful woman in rock."

"But I really don't know what business Simon's in ... oh I do, he's in the Simon Cowell business."

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THAT'S MY BOY: Louis, left, insists his walk-out was not a scam and he's determined to help Shayne, below, pick up a £1m record contract

Telly success gives lads pulling power

SHAYNE Ward and Chico Slimani have a new fight on their hands – to ward off lusty females.

The two lads are currently locked in a battle to win a recording contract on The X Factor.

But though they are rarely allowed out in public because of rehearsals, girls are still finding ways to make a move on them.

Shayne was collared while out promoting the show this week.

A source said: "A girl came up to him who has modelled for FHM."

"She had barely said two words to him when she handed him a

■ by MARK JEFFERIES

polaroid. It was a picture of herself in a raunchy pose in underwear and it said 'Call me' with her number underneath."

Private

Chico, 34, did a photoshoot with a sexy model who ended up falling for him.

Our source added: "She made it clear she'd like to meet up with him somewhere a little bit more private."



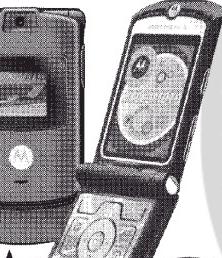
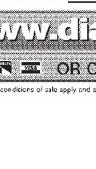
LASS LAUGH: Crazy Chico managed to win over a sexy model at X Factor photoshoot

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QUICKIE...

A GLASS of water could be hurtling its way towards **Ozzy Osbourne's** head from his feisty wife **Sharon Osbourne**, 53, after he slated her show The X Factor.

Ozzy, 57, dubbed the Prince of Darkness, told Virgin Radio DJ **Ben Jones**: "I don't like these shows. There must be thousands of people to be discovered but why do they need a show like this to find them?" You tell 'em Ozzy.

QUICKIE...

PALS of sexy **Charlize Theron**, 30, say she's trying to throw people off the scent as far as her marriage to hunky **Stuart Townsend** is concerned.

The Oscar winner, 30, claimed, rather bizarrely, that she'd wed Irishman Townsend, 33, only when gay marriage was legalised.

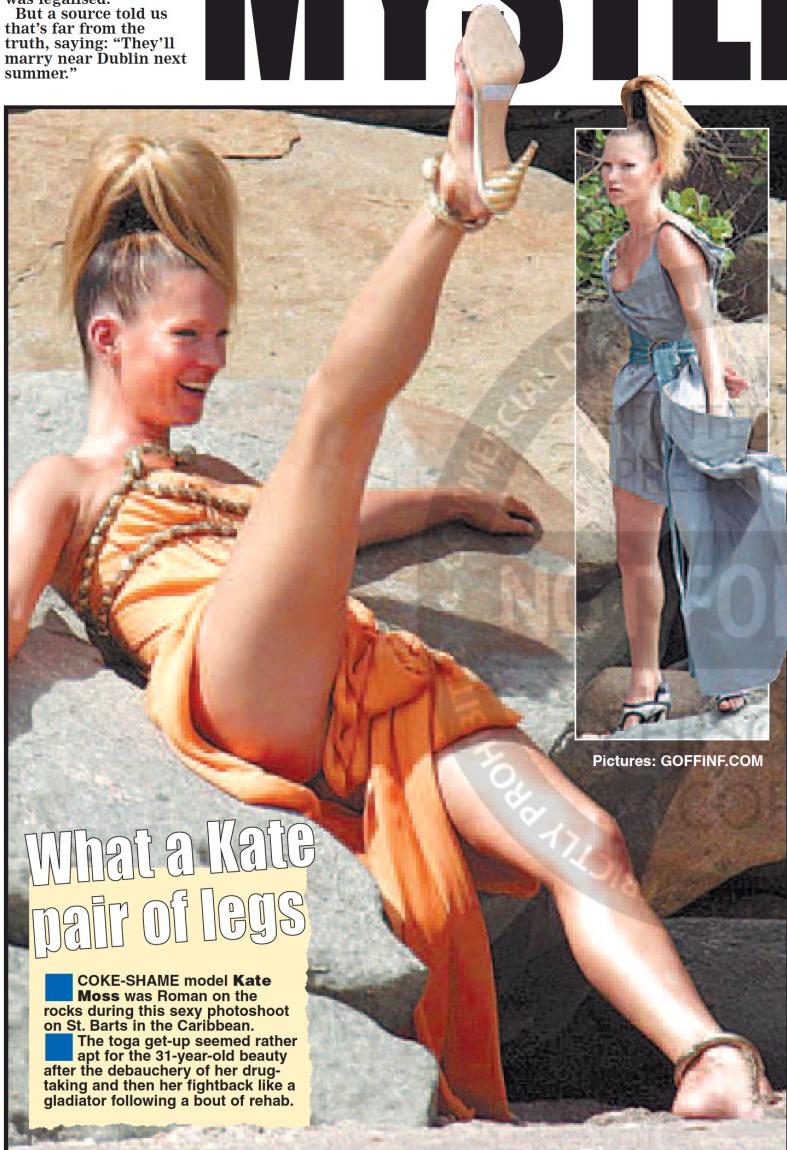
But a source told us that's far from the truth, saying: "They'll marry near Dublin next summer."

SNAP A CELEB

SPOTTED a celeb behaving badly or simply letting their hair down?

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JUDE BOOTS OUT MYSTERY BABE



COKE-SHAME model **Kate Moss** was Roman on the rocks during this sexy photoshoot on St. Barts in the Caribbean.

The toga get-up seemed rather apt for the 31-year-old beauty after the debauchery of her drug-taking and then her fightback like a gladiator following a bout of rehab.



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TITTERS IN A TAXI ... THEN SHE'S DUMPED

HEY, Jude! You've been caught on the pull again ...

... And behaving like a cad to the new babe, to boot.

Yes, folks, womaniser **Jude Law** was supposed to be babysitting lover **Sienna Miller's** pooches while she was promoting Casanova in New York.

But he'll be sharing the doghouse with pets Porgy and Bess when she discovers he's been romancing a mystery beauty.

The 32-year-old actor homed in on the pretty brunette at London's Groucho Club and later climbed in a taxi with her.

When he thought he'd been spotted, he opened the door and PUSHED her OUT! But it was too late to save his blushes.

Fling

Our curtain-twitcher revealed: "Jude saw the girl drinking with pals at the club and marched straight over to her when her friends left.

"They seemed to hit it off straight away and spent the evening propping up the bar together.

"By the time they'd worked their way through a bottle of champagne and a few cocktails, they were giggling like kids. Then Jude was being a gent, opening doors and helping her on with her coat."

The chivalry didn't last.

Our shocked witness explained: "They were giggling and cuddling each other in the back of a taxi. But Jude's romantic mood changed when he saw snappers crowding around it.

"He opened the door and literally pushed her out of the cab before driving off."

Jude's latest fall from grace comes just after a visit to Sienna, 23, in the Big Apple. She'd hoped the trip would help them



Picture: SPIRIT PICS

UP CLOSE: Jude and mystery babe

patch things up after Jude's fling with a nanny, her whirl with **Daniel Craig**, 38, and Jude's dalliances with ex-wife **Sadie Frost**, 37, and stunner **Salma Hayek**, 39.

But at least she's got few illusions left. She recently said: "Having done the Casanova film, everyone thinks I'm an expert on love. And I'm hopeless.

"I'd love one day to get married and have children but I'm not quite ready yet."

Seems Jude's not anyway ...

HUSH HUSH

WHICH showbiz couple have agreed to an open relationship despite their cosy image? Apparently the long-suffering lady reluctantly accepted her husband's affairs after he agreed to pay her a handsome salary if she didn't leave him. He is now making hay while the sun shines with several low-rent mistresses. Charming.

SPOTTED

IN London: **Ruby Wax** chatting up a waiter at the Oxo Tower; **Orlaith McAllister** doing tequila slammers at Penthouse; **Craig David** buying Xbox games at a Virgin store. In Birmingham: Chef **James Martin** downing Piat d'Or with Strictly Come Dancing partner **Camilla Dallerup** at the BBC Good Food Show.

HAVE YOU GOT SOME JUICY GOSSIP FOR US?



Robbie's such a cheeky boy

ROBBIE Williams's search for the perfect woman seems to have taken a swerve in the direction of **Cheeky Girl Gabrielle Irwin**.

The 31-year-old star has apparently had a long-standing fascination with the Transylvanian, er, singer.

And he interrupted TOTP performance to announce that he was a "cheeky boy" after

seeing Gabrielle and sister **Monica**, both 23, perform.

When the Robster bumped into Gabrielle at an ITV1 party last month, sparks flew and numbers were exchanged.

A source told us: "Robbie kept telling Gaby that she's sexy and beautiful."

"Then he asked how she kept her figure and she explained she had a gym and a swimming

pool at her pad in Regent's Park. She invited him to come for a workout with her, so Robbie asked Gabrielle for her address.

Smitten

"Gabrielle has vowed not to date anyone until she has seen Robbie."

"She is really smitten and would love to see what could happen between them. She

remembers having a **Take That** poster book back in Transylvania.

"It's incredibly exciting that she's even met him, and now he's asked her out."

We're not sure what we're more jealous about... the fact she seems to have pulled Robbie or her plump London flat.

See kids, bad reality show auditions DO pay.



Birthdaze girl Sarah

Thursday

SHE celebrated her birthday last week – but **Girls Aloud** babe **Sarah Harding** hasn't stopped marking the occasion since...

Because this week the 24-year-old beauty has partied, partied and partied in London.

On Tuesday night the Stockport lass donned slinky black for the trendy Kabaret club.

On Wednesday Sarah was a princess at Umbaba. And on Thursday, right, it was Kingly Club time.

But while she was still smiling as the weekend drew near, the poor love was starting to look frayed around the edges – especially as far as her fishnet tights were concerned.

And while we would be the last to criticise anyone for drawing out their birthday fun as long as possible, Sarah has been a bit ill of late.

Let's just hope her kidney infection doesn't return as result of burning the candle at both ends – and a bit in the middle for good measure.

Tuesday



Wednesday



Dick, Dom tat attack

GRUESOME twosome **Dick** and **Dom** have launched a scathing attack on the Beeb for forcing them to present flop TV quiz **Ask The Family**.

The infantile duo, known as Richard McCourt, 29, and Dominic Wood, 27, by their mummies, fear it has damaged the careers they believe they have.

The poor man's **Ant and Dec** told DJ **James O'Brien** on LBC 97.3 FM: "It was good experience – but it was the biggest load of tat we've ever done."

"It was totally the wrong vehicle for us and really badly done."

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Tired ZOE BELLE OF THE BAWL

ZOE Ball extended her 35th birthday party at the Kingly Club. The Strictly Come Dancing star looked tired and emotional after a session with mates to celebrate the landmark. She had a cosy meal on the day itself with husband **Norman Cook**, 42, and son **Woody**, four, in Brighton.

It really looks like that kind of night is starting to suit her more.



Picture: FOX

QUICKIE...

MICK Jagger has fallen foul of lover **L'Wren Scott**, 38.

All because he offered supermodel **Gisele Bundchen** a shoulder to cry on after she split from **Leonardo DiCaprio**, 31. Mick, 62, took Gisele, 25, to Manhattan hot-spot The Big Cheese for "fatherly advice". A source said: "It was all innocent." Honest.

QUICKIE...

GEEKY love-god **Adam Brody** is set to play **Johnny Depp**'s brother in American Civil war saga **Crimson Harvest**.

The OC star, 26, was apparently picked because, while he shares the dark looks of Depp, 42, "he has the insecurity to play an overshadowed younger sibling."

Whatever... with that eye-candy who cares?

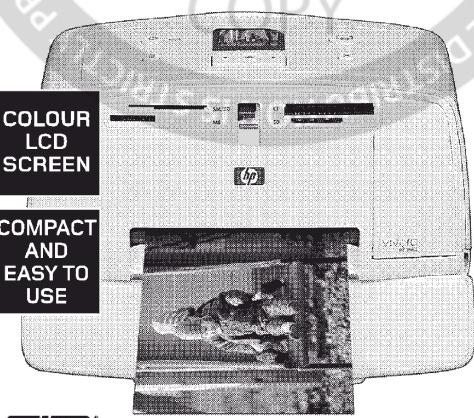
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News in brief

PIRATES RAID PIRATES



REAL-LIFE raiders have wreaked havoc on the set of the new Pirates Of The Caribbean movie on Grand Bahama island.

Thieves nicked cash and equipment worth £12,000 and filming has been halted.

Big stars Johnny Depp, 42, Keira Knightley, 20, and Orlando Bloom, 28, are luckier than minor players who have had their wages stolen.

HOLD-UP: Orlando

Gipsies miss out

A COUNCIL is being forced to spend £50,000 building a gipsy camp for a group they can't even find.

A court ordered it to find alternative accommodation for the travellers after refusing planning permission for a site on privately-owned land.

West Wiltshire District Council has earmarked a plot in the village of Corsley Heath, but a spokesman admitted: "We're not entirely sure where they are now. They may not even be in west Wiltshire. "But we have to do something because of the court order."

STOCKING UP AT XMAS



BRITAIN will spend more than £1 billion on Christmas stocking fillers this year.

The average cost of filling the stocking has more than doubled to £25 over the past decade. A YouGov report says the rise is being driven by women wanting iPods.

Consumer retail psychologist Dr Tim Denison said: "The key to a successful Christmas stocking is self indulgence."

Flash in the dark

NEW speed guns are being used to trap drivers who break the limit in the dark.

The cameras are hand-held in vehicles parked in well-lit areas. They use a "soft flash" which police say should not be a hazard.

Cumbria Police are piloting the scheme after finding that accidents rose by a third in winter in the hours from 7am to 9am and 4pm to 7pm.

But campaigner Paul Smith, of Safe Speed, insisted: "Even if the driver isn't dazzled by the flash, the shock value could distract them from the road."

THAT'S YOUR LOTTE..



RAPPERS Goldie Lookin' Chain have snubbed Crazy Chick Charlotte Church.

They now fancy her fellow Welsh singer Katherine Jenkins, 23, instead.

The eight comedy rappers say Charlotte, 19, is past her best.

GLC member Adam Hussein said: "Churchy likes rugby players so there's no chance. "But if Katherine likes boy bands then there's hope."

PAST IT: Charlotte

Jilted lover cut up

JILTED Gary Piper hid under his ex-girlfriend's bed then leapt out wielding a carving knife as she began having sex with one of his friends. Stewart Hercock was cut on the hand as Piper brandished the knife.

Southampton Crown Court heard that months earlier girlfriend Caroline Ellis had ended her five-year relationship with 37-year-old Piper.

Asked what he intended doing with the knife, Piper replied: "Stick it in his body as many times as I could."

Piper, of Liskeard, Cornwall, was jailed for two years for wounding.

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Class of Sheree

WHY do you think they have the Bush Tucker Trials on I'm A Celebrity? Firstly, to make the celebs scream and get all messed up.

Because there's nothing better than seeing someone who normally spends 17 hours a day making sure they look and sound perfect being reduced to a weeping, rat-covered, fishy-smelling, gunk-encrusted mess.

They're also put in the show so that columnists like myself can write the following sentence: I loved it when Carol Thatcher bit into a kangaroo's testicle while Jilly Goolden wolfed down Skippy's willya.

Who says television is dumbing down?

If you're another TV channel, how can you possibly match that?

You could try to outgross them. For example, have a reality show set in the jungle which featured another daughter of a Prime Minister doing exactly the same challenge. But with a kangaroo that is still alive.

Or you could go the other way. Which is why the BBC put on Bleak House, The Culture Show and a documentary about the Queen's Cavalry.

The kind of people who want details of the Changing of the Guard are probably not the same people who will be lured by the prospect of Thatcher's offspring weeing in the jungle.

But I think there is a further point to the Bush Tucker Trials. And that's to make heroes out of the celebs. There are so few of them around these days, after all.

Footballers score important goals that fill our hearts with joy, but they do tend to spoil that when they then go out and behave like Neanderthals.

Which makes it all the more ironic that the biggest hero to emerge from the Bush Tucker Trials this series is a footballer's wife. Sheree Murphy's attempt at The Rocky Horror Show took balls the size of Birmingham.

I don't mind spiders, but I would NEVER stick my head in a box full of them. Sheree did. And she's terrified of every single thing in the world - heights, insects, mammals and miscellaneous, just in case anything's been missed out.

The poor thing was shaking like a wet pooch in a hailstorm. But she



BRAVERY: Our Sheree

Fun for Jenni Down Under

IT'S said that a place on I'm A Celebrity is one of the most sought-after gigs in TV land just now, because of the fame and fortune it affords.

Not as good as getting one of what appears to be 372 presenting jobs on the productions surrounding it.

Judging by the snapshots, Jenni Falconer (pictured) and Tara Palmer-Tomkinson get paid loads of wonga to splash around on the beach.

I'm A Celebrity ... Get Me Into THAT Job.

THAT'S TOO MUCH

ON Thursday morning, the news spread like wildfire - Take That were about to hold a press conference promising fans "very exciting news".

What could it be? A mass suicide pact? An explanation as to why Jason

JUST STICK IT UP YER PUBALGIA

ENGLAND'S rugby hero Jonny Wilkinson is injured again. No laughing matter, you might think.

And not is the nature of the complaint - something called a "sportsman's hernia". I heard this

phrase for the first time recently on Five's American Football coverage. The quarterback from the Philadelphia Eagles had one.

And, like everything else from America, it's now come over here.

For example, we can no longer have a "cold day with a temperature of minus 1". No. We have: "It's minus 1, but with the wind chill factor it will be minus 43."

Years ago, the wind just blew in Britain. Now it chills. All because some American phoned up a weatherman one day and said: "It feels a lot colder than minus 1 today." So they had to invent something else.

I suspect a similar thing has happened

with the "sportsman's hernia". This American footballer has had a hernia.

Not wanting to admit the wall of his abdomen is drooping into his scrotal sack like any Tom, Dick or Harry, he has to say it's special.

It's a sportsman's hernia. It's far more of a hernia than you or I get. They've even given it its own Latin name: Athletic pubalgia.

So I'm staking a claim for us non-athletic punters to be able to use these fancy terms, too.

Phone up work on Monday and say you can't come in because you've got Athletic pubalgia. It'll be the easiest skive you've ever had.

After all, no one will want to come round and check up on THAT.

Let Gordon take the rap

THIS Government is so split, it makes Babyshambles look together. The latest division concerns new pensions proposals.

Lord Turner sent his report to Chancellor Gordon Brown, who has claimed Turner has got his sums wrong.

How insulting is that? It's effectively saying: "You're thick and you can't add up."

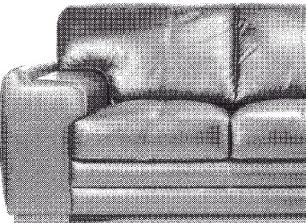
It's the kind of public dissing that, if they were rap artists instead of politicians,

would result in Lord Turner driving by Brown's crib and whacking the entire clip of an Uzi into him while playing loud music.

■ LOUIS Walsh quits X Factor in a huff. Simon Cowell begs him to come back. Surprise! Surprise! Louis returns for today's show.

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Booze CAN turn Waynetta into Kelly BEAUTY'S IN EYE OF BEER-HOLDER



PINT OF VIEW:
For this short-sighted bloke, just a pint could make TV's Waynetta Slob look like movie babe Kelly Brook

EXPERTS have come up with a magic formula that proves beer goggles really do exist.

We've all long suspected that a few drinks can make even the ugliest of people look like supermodels.

Now researchers at Manchester University say they've proved it's all true. And they've worked out the formula that's led to some of the most regrettable one-night stands across the country.

Light

Alcohol plays the key role – upping your intake changes the beer goggle effect from barely registering to off the scale.

But it's not the only factor that counts. The level of light in the pub or club, the drinker's own

■ by TOM SAVAGE

eyesight, the smokiness of the room and the distance between two people all add to the effect.

Nathan Efron, Professor of Clinical Optometry at the University of Manchester, said:

"The beer goggle effect isn't solely dependent on how much alco-

hol a person consumes. There are other influencing factors.

"For instance, a person with poor vision in a very smoky bar will experience a beer goggle effect close to someone who has had eight pints in a well-lit room."

The formula, given below, can be used to work out a final beer goggles score. Less than one

means there is no beer goggle effect – an ugly person looks ugly.

A score of one to 50 means there's a slight effect, making a minger slightly less "visually offensive".

A score of 51 to 100 gives moderate beer goggles. An unappealing person becomes attractive.

And a score of more than 100 gives you serious beer goggles, enough to turn Waynetta Slob into gorgeous Kelly Brook, 26.

Boozing

The research was commissioned by top eyecare firm Bausch & Lomb PureVision after a survey of more than 1,000 SpeedDater members.

To avoid beer goggles, SpeedDater recommends sticking to a well-lit room, keeping a distance of 3ft and boozing in moderation.

But we reckon it's too late for some celebs, who may well have had beer goggles on when searching for a partner.

How else could you explain why Billie Piper, 23, ended up with Chris Evans, 39; Rod Stewart, 60, bagged Penny Lancaster, 34; Liv Tyler, 28, teamed up with Royston Langdon, 32; or Michael Winner, 69, got anyone?

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$$\beta = \frac{(A_n)^2 \times \delta(S+1)}{\sqrt{L} \times (V_o)^2}$$

SUM FIGURE: The formula giving a beer goggle rating

How it works...



ODD: Chris and Billie



PUZZLE: Liv and Roy

B: Beer goggle rating.

A: Number of units of alcohol consumed.
d: Distance from person of interest in metres – from 0.5 to 3 metres.

S: Smokiness of the room, graded from 0 (clear) to 10.

L: Lighting of person of interest in candelas per square metre, from 1 (pitch-black) to 150 (bright).

Vo: Shellen visual acuity, or eyesight – 6/6 is normal, 6/12 only just meets driving standard.

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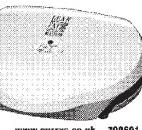


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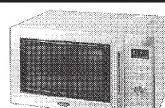
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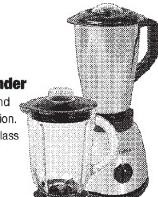
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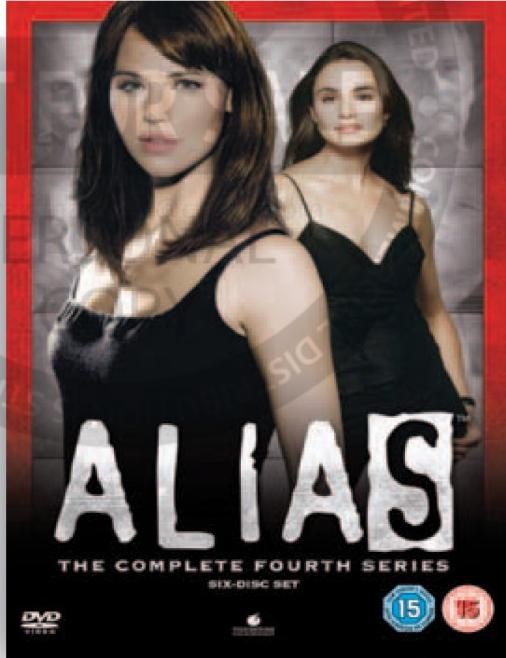
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Fergie's black eyed sneeze

■ BLACK Eyed Peas babe Fergie terrified her bandmates after having a bad reaction to a flu jab. The gorgeous singer, 30, had to have her injections ahead of the group's South American tour last week.

■ A source said: "The rest of them went on stage but Fergie was nowhere to be seen. The tour manager found her in dressing room suffering a bad reaction to the jabs."

"They had to go on late and Fergie couldn't dance because she felt so sick."

■ Luckily, she'd recovered by the time I turned up with my camera to take this picture after we'd had breakfast in her hotel room.

MOTT SHOT

CAUGHT LIVE

THE BRAVERY

Carling Academy,
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THE alternative Thanksgiving dinner Sam Endicott had at a Russian eatery ahead of this show must have been tasty.

As the singer hurled himself across stage he was in joyous form. A year of touring has helped the New Yorkers perfect an upbeat danceable rock.

His denim waistcoat made him look like Shakey, but Sam was better than ever. New song Angelina shows promise for the second album and No Brakes was punchy.

Tyrant ensured a mass singalong but the punters really went wild for Honest Mistake and Fearless.

KIM DAWSON

■ CHEERY Damon Albarn has been gobbling off about Live8 again.

The Gorillaz mastermind was on Friday Night With Jonathan Ross, when he voiced his displeasure about the event organised by Bob Geldof, 54. Albarn, 37, told Wossy, 45: "I thought it was rubbish."

MOTT SHOT

LOOK out for The Guillermots. I've had my ear chewed off about them every where I've been recently, with people assuring me they're gonna be huge next year. I've heard single Trains To Brazil and can't decide if it's subtly brilliant or just bland.

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